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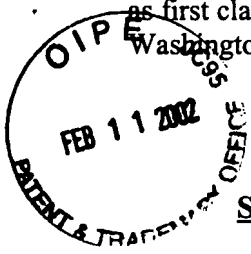
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Sir:

Applicant wishes to bring to the attention of the Examiner the references listed on the attached substitute form PTO-1449. Each of the references was cited in the International Search Report for the corresponding international application. A copy of each reference and a copy of the search report are attached.

The International Search Report is dated November 7, 2001. Accordingly, Applicant avers under 37 CFR 1.97(e) that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) was cited in a communication from the International Searching Authority in the counterpart international application, no more than three months prior to the filing of this IDS. As this IDS is being filed prior to a final action or a notice of allowance, filing of this IDS is timely under 37 CFR 1.97(c)(1) without payment of any fee. In the event that a fee is required for consideration of this IDS, please charge deposit account no. 02-1425.

Consideration of this material in the course of examination is respectfully requested.

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